

1.3. Mighty MARUTS, of goodly aspect,,
 quickly hear
 (the praises) that we who repair to you
 repeat, offering
 ing acceptable (oblations): (the MARUTS)
 coining
 hither well disposed, come down to us,
 (destroying)
 with their weapons the mortals opposed to
 them,
 (overcome) by agitation.

14. I offer adoration to the
 company of the
 MARUTS deserving of sacred sacrifice, to
 obtain the
 waters, whether born of heaven or
 earth: may my
 praises prosper: may the joy-
 bestowing heavens
 (flourish): may the rivers cherished (by
 the MARUTS)
 be filled with water.

15. My praise has been continually
 proffered as a
 protectress,¹ powerful with (the means of)
 preserva-
 tion : may the maternal and venerable
 earth accept
 our (praises), and, (pleased) with her
 pious (wor-
 shippers) be (to us) straightfchanded, and
 the giver
 of good.

16. How may we, (duly) worship
 the liberal
 (MARUTS) with praise, how adore the
 MARUTS with
 present praise in a fitting manner,
 the glorious
 MARUTS with present praise? may
 AHIRBUDHNYA con-
 trive not for our harm j may he be the
 destroyer (of our
 enemies).

17. The mortal (sacrificer) worships you,
 gods, at
 all times for progeny and cattle: verily,
 gods, the
 mortal worships you: may NIRRI² on
 this occa-
 sion, sustain my body with salutary food,
 and keep off
 decay.

¹ *Var&tri, asmad upadravavdfayitT-i*, what or
 who keeps
 off oppression upon us.

³-8ee page 123, note 2.